

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 11-19, please accept the following replacement paragraph of the specification, marked to show changes:

"This application is a divisional ~~claims benefit~~ of our prior pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/753,209 filed January 2, 2001, entitled "Water Heater With Continuously Variable Air And Fuel Input" by Baese, et al., which claims benefit of our prior pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/175,340, entitled "Water Heater With Continuously Variable Air and Fuel Input" by Baese, et al. filed January 10, 2000, and of our prior pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/497,573, entitled "Water Heater With Continuously Variable Air and Fuel Input" filed February 3, 2000, which was subsequently converted to a provisional application for which a new provisional serial number has not yet been assigned. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/304,163. The details of those prior applications are incorporated herein by reference."